

Board Meeting Minutes  
October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The October meeting of the Lockwood Irrigation District was held at the Lockwood Water Office, 1644 Old Hardin Rd. Present were Board Members Merrill Walker, Terry Seiffert, and Bob Riehl; Manager Carl Peters, and Secretary/Treasurer Hank Peters. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by President Merrill Walker.

The Minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 Board meeting were reviewed, and a Motion was made by Mr. Seiffert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Riehl, to approve as written. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **LID Intake Maintenance:** Manager reports that there are no new estimates for repairing three washouts.
2. **Pump Station & Lift Pipes Rehabilitation Project:** The Manager talked with Bond Counsel and it was agreed that there was insufficient time to determine individual electors of multiple property owners, and to deliver a list of all eligible voters of the District, with the amount of votes per each tax code to the Election Administrator by the deadline. 178 mailings must be sent to properties with multiple owners, such as corporations, trusts, etc. Included in the mailing are tax codes, the amount of votes the property has, and a copy of M.C.A. 85-7-1710, the law that governs Irrigation District Elections. Resolution #82119 was passed at the August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 meeting. It authorized the December 10<sup>th</sup> Bond Election. Mr. Seiffert made a Motion to vacate the December 10<sup>th</sup> Bond Election and to notify the Election Administrator of that cancellation. Mr. Riehl seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Seiffert then made a motion to adopt a Superseding Resolution to hold the Bond Election on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020, to meet the criteria as set forth in the chronology set by Bond Counsel and that the appropriate notices be given to the multiple property owners, pursuant to the adoption of that resolution. In the same format as the previous resolution, with adjusted dates. (This motion was not seconded or voted on). It was suggested that the letter to multiple property owners would be sent out by October 15<sup>th</sup>, with responses due November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Board will certify the electors at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Although not required for this type of Bond Election, the costs of the Bond to property owners has been requested from Bond Counsel. A "Debt Service Schedule" based on 3% interest for 20-year & 30-year loans on the \$750,000.00 will be provided by the DNRC. Estimated total votes is 2,470. Discussion of the requirements for a successful Bond Election and the question of 50% of the total lands of the District or 50% of the lands represented by the voters.
3. **LID Audit:** The Manager has offered to get in contact with Mr. Matt Hjelm of Wipfli Accounting Co. for an update on the audit of the District.
4. **LWSD-LID Joint Water Rights Study:** The joint study is on the October 9<sup>th</sup> Lockwood Water & Sewer District meeting agenda.
5. **Weaver Lateral Issue:** The Manager presented photos of the pipe in the lateral at 1727 Robin Ave. The 12" pipe, installed by Mr. Bill Grice, was plugged badly. Mr. Jim Weaver had previously complained to Mr. Seiffert about the pipe being too small & having to clean the screen when the pipe was installed by Mr. Grice. Mr. Seiffert offered to write a letter to Mr. Weaver which will state that this is the first year it has been plugged and has never been an issue, since previous users have always kept it cleaned. In addition, the pipe is the proper size.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **60' & 100' Box Elder Creek Siphons:** 9-26 both siphons have been pumped. Each siphon took about three hours. To improve the drain on the 100', Merrill suggested extending the outlet drain to ground level. The Manager would like to add chain locks to the drain lids in both locations.
2. **Updated 2014 L.I.D. Rate Study:** The study is on hold.
3. **Canal Leaks:** No news.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

The Becraft sidewalk project will not affect the lateral at 2945 Becraft, because the position of the lateral is known by the contractors. Silt has yet to be removed from the pumphouse. Pace Construction will remove the silt. The I-90 bridge project continues. The pump truck has been winterized. The Briggs & Stratton pump has dark oil, but the Honda pump does not despite similar usage. The trash pump truck and pressure washer will be winterized soon. The Dodge ½ ton truck has a shimmy and will be sent to Cory's Auto Repair. The Manager found three tax codes with incorrect addresses in the MDOR Excel file.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The trial balance for September was not received before the meeting and will be presented at the November meeting. A list of checks written September 19<sup>th</sup> through October 7<sup>th</sup> was presented to the Board. The \$139.00 Visa rewards will be used as a credit to the card.

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Riehl, seconded by Mr. Seiffert. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m. Next monthly meeting will be November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Hank Peters  
Secretary/Treasurer